on the evolving security environment and appropriate steps are taken to defend our national interests.

[*Translation*]

Smuggling of Cows on Indo-Pak Border

1438. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA:
DR. RAMESH CHANDRA TOMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of smuggling of cows which took place on Indo-Pak border during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of persons arrested/ killed in this connection during the said period;

(c) whether smuggling of cows has increased considerably during the recent months; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken/ being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Review of Prohibition Laws

1440. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI DEVENDRA PARASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the existing prohibition laws has been made by the Union Government to prevent the production and marketing of spurious liquor; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government to make the laws more stringent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). In order to prevent the production and marketing of spurious liquor, the Government of India issued instructions on 14th November, 1991 to all State Drug Controllers to carry out in-depth inspections of all manufacturing firms o a priority basis. The permission for use of rectified spirit in place of 'Parsonaa' has also been withdrawn by correcting the Ayurvedic Formulary of India (Part-I). The Ministry of Health has also informed that further action is contemplated to restrict the size of packing and alcoholic content in such of those drugs that are likely to be misused as alcoholic beverages.

Sri Lankan Refugees

1441. DR. V. RAJESWARAN:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees who do not wish to return to Sri Lanka; and